



# 'AWAY FOR THE DAY' MOBILE PHONES & WEARABLE DEVICES

## **Mobile Phone and Wearable Device Management**

This policy reflects the Department's mandate 'Away for the Day' from day 1, Term 1 2024.

The devices covered under this policy are mobile phones and wearable devices such as smart watches. From the time students arrive at school, until the conclusion of the school day, electronic devices (unless otherwise approved by the principal) are 'Away for the day'. This means that they are 'not seen or heard'.

'Away for the Day' does not apply to personal or school-owned devices, such as iPads, tablets or laptops, that are approved for educational use as part of the school's Bring Your Own Device (BYOX) policy. This policy also relates to Bluetooth/wired headphones not used under the direction of the classroom teacher.

Students are encouraged not to bring valuable personal technology items such as mobile phones or wearable devices to school.

Students who do bring mobile phones or wearable devices to school are subject to 'Away for the Day' policy.

## **Confiscation**

Mobile phones and wearable devices including headphones/earbuds/AirPods used contrary to this policy on school premises will be confiscated by school staff. Devices will be made available for collection by the student from the school office at the end of the school day. If a student's mobile phone or wearable device is confiscated, parents will be notified via SMS notification.

Continued breaches of the policy will include the implementation a logical consequence.

## **Exemptions**

Exemptions will be made available for students who require access to their mobile phone or wearable device for learning, medical, disability or wellbeing reasons.

Approved exemptions including details of how and when the student may access their phone or wearable device, will be documented and communicated to staff, students and parents.

## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

<https://intranet.ged.qld.gov.au/EducationDelivery/educationandict/Documents/faq-school-staff.docx>

<https://intranet.ged.qld.gov.au/EducationDelivery/educationandict/Documents/faq-parents-carers.docx>

<https://intranet.ged.qld.gov.au/EducationDelivery/educationandict/Documents/faq-students.docx>

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